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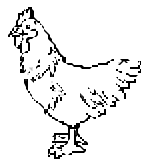
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady, occasionally weak in parts of the Northeast. Retail demand was seasonally slow with few and scattered features present. Food service was moderate at best with fast food promotions strongest. Supplies were at least adequate for limited needs. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective to fair with supplies of all items readily available or at least obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 63.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.75 cents last year on February 14, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM
LINE RUN TENDERS
BREASTS - B/S
BREASTS - WHOLE
THIGH MEAT - B/S
LEG QUARTERS
WINGS

180.00
123.50
61.00
85.50
27.00
84.50

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WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings were ample to cover current needs. Buying interest was seasonally cautious. Demand was moderate overall; best by stores were scattered features planned and fast food to cover promotions. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady on parts.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light as dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture, limiting orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were at least adequate, and the heavier sizes were fully sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Wings were ample. Legs and leg quarters were more than sufficient.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wogs were adequate with lighter weight product in best balance. Buyer interest was light and selective. Retail and food service movement was discouraging, light to moderate and best for limited retail features and fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to occasionally ample. Weights were desirable to heavy. Trading on parts items was light to fair. Supplies whole breasts and drumsticks were in balance with remaining items fully sufficient for the limited trade interest. The market tone was steady on drums and whole breasts, unsettled on wings and cautiously steady on remaining items.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand into retail was mostly light, food service fair to moderate, best for features and fast food promotions. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair with all items at least adequate or available and at times discounted to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 02/09/02	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	186,938	180,246	+04
CHICKS PLACED	146,715	143,285	+02
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	208,461	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	165,806	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 9, 2002. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 9, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through February 9, 2002 were 889 million, up 3 percent the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 9, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 9, 2002.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.43 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	862	102.00-175.00	110-115	114.68
TENDERLOINS	145	110.00-190.00	100-105	126.55
BREAST - LINE RUN	134	59.00-65.00	60-62	61.00
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	36.00-46.00	36-38	37.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	23.00-27.00	23-24	23.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,246	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	70.00-90.00	84-88	86.40
WINGS (CUT)	499	88.00-100.00	89-93	92.22
DRUMSTICKS	69	46.00-49.50	-	46.46
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	862	102.00-175.00	110-117	115.03
TENDERLOINS	125	110.00-190.00	-	129.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	58.00-64.00	59-61	61.00
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	36.00-46.00	36-38	37.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	441	23.00-27.00	23-24	23.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,226	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	70.00-86.00	83-85	83.70
WINGS (CUT)	416	88.00-97.00	89-92	90.51
DRUMSTICKS	69	45.00-50.00	-	45.65
THIGHS	27	46.00-51.00	-	47.30
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.50 - 45.00	41.81	41.005 - 45.00	42.23	41.99

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was very light and selective, but noted as seasonal and typical of midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available. Legs and leg quarters were sufficient. Wings remained readily available. Retail movement was about fair and distributive draw continued light and selective as dealers remained unwilling to extend floorstocks beyond current needs. The market tone was cautiously steady on wings, about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	114.66	522,440
TENDERLOINS	100	109.59	117,110
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	61.10	286,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	56.05	162,160
LEGS	38-39	42.77	119,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.09	645,632
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	39.62	146,940
THIGHS	28-29	35.30	102,810
B/S THIGHS	85-86	83.83	100,050
WINGS (WHOLE)	75-76	78.80	377,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.30	36,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	20.56	16,425
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	40.05	26,280

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	115.26	426,470
TENDERLOINS	100	107.56	87,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	61.88	202,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	55.99	148,240
LEGS	38-39	41.94	139,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.95	279,830
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.53	88,990
THIGHS	28-29	34.67	86,460
B/S THIGHS	85-86	85.18	66,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	75-76	82.21	299,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	36,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	21.38	10,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	38.48	34,400

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/13	02/12	02/11	02/08	02/11
ALA	3,847	4,065	3,998	3,949	5.08
ARK	5,335	5,387	5,122	5,566	5.02
DELMARVA	2,266	2,126	2,297	2,281	5.17
KY-LA-TN	1,937	1,952	1,977	1,964	4.56
MISS	2,243	2,813	2,512	2,749	5.24
NC	2,483	2,591	2,578	2,545	6.03
TEXAS	2,378	2,390	2,336	2,327	4.98
TOTAL	20,489	21,324	20,820	21,381	5.15
MON-WED 63,338(A)					4.92
					19,985
					5.16
					62,284 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Feb 02 and is estimated to be 30,654,000 up 2.22 percent from a week ago and up 2.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,989,000; last year 29,826,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-94
	DRY PACK 95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94-98
	DRY PACK
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-FEB-02

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/16/02 (1)	02/09/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	158,875 (2)	159,459
LT HENS	1,873	2,029
HVY HENS	1,228	1,293
CHECK TOTAL	161,976	162,781

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Feb-02 is 155.9 million head compared to 152.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.2 million head or 3.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 23-Feb-02 the estimated available is 157.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11-Feb-02	106,712	73,875
AM 1-Feb-02	112,107	69,729
CHG	-5,395	4,146
PCT CHG	-5	6

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/11/02	02/04/02	02/05/01	02/11/02	02/04/02	02/05/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	6,944	5,279	4,744	3,705	3,469	5,964
LOS						
ANGELES	111	137	124	2,258	2,152	2,208

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS.

AND UP, FOR WEEK OF February 11, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 02/12/01

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	1.20	.76	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.50	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	1.10	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	7.00	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.60	1.40	.84	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	1.10	1.15	1.12	BANTAMS ea.	.70	5.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.65	.75	.69	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.05	.15	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.75	3.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.45	1.23	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	4.00	-
GEESE lb.	1.05	1.25	1.14	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.20	2.25	1.97	DUCKS ea.	4.00	5.25	-
RABBITS lb.	.55	2.05	1.46	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	6.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.50	10.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	2.00	2.50	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 135

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 8, 2002

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	45.70	129.15	79.47	19.87	19.87	44.70
High	61.10	139.08	89.41	24.84	24.84	44.70
Mostly	55.63	129.15	79.47	19.87	19.87	44.70
SAN JUAN						
Low	49.17	124.18	79.47	24.84	14.90	44.70
High	58.61	134.11	84.44	34.77	17.38	44.70
Mostly	58.12	124.18	79.47	27.32	14.90	44.70
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	44.70	124.18	74.51	14.90	14.90	42.22
High	60.60	134.11	84.44	24.84	24.84	42.22
Mostly	57.12	124.18	74.51	19.87	19.87	42.22
BECERRA						
Low	47.19	119.21	69.54	24.84	14.90	42.22
High	57.12	134.11	84.44	29.80	17.38	42.22
Mostly	54.64	126.66	79.47	27.32	14.90	42.22

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was limited. Seller offerings remained readily available, competitively priced and slow to clear. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. In the parts complex, all items were fully sufficient in handling the seasonally light inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	46-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.50
NO. OF BOXES	9,354

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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